

**CASH**  
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

BREVITIES

The State Printing office has resumed operations.

Christmas cards and holiday goods at Hodgkinson & Co.'s.

The Terpsichorean Club, of Carson, will give a domino party on Christmas night.

Keep up old customs and make your friends happy by purchasing holiday presents for them.

Those wishing to present fine jewelry to their best girl will find it to their interest to read Herz's advertisement.

Happy is he who has a big wood-pile, or whose neighbor has a big wood-pile—that is not kept under lock and key.

Remember the social dance at the Nevada Theater this evening. Good music, fine dance and all for 50 cents.

There were quite a number of boys at the Carson depot yesterday morning to get a peep at the Seminary girls from Reno.

Make arrangements to attend the masquerade ball on New Year's night. There will be a large crowd in attendance, and lots of fun.

The Tribune says if there is no gold in those gulches west of Carson, someone must be salting the gravel they contain. Sabe?

Ed. Yerington, Secretary of the Virginia and Truckee Railroad Company, has gone on a trip to Detroit, Michigan, to be absent about three weeks.

The Carson Tribune says ex-Senator Stewart had better hide his head now that Doc Hogan, the greenback orator of Reno, has taken club in hand and gone for William's scalp.

Parties at Tuscarora have commenced work to open up, by tunnel, an old location about a mile and a half west from town, formerly owned by Professor Frank Stewart and Governor Bradley, but which has been idle for several years.

W. B. Kennedy, says the Carson Tribune, in his very impertinent and ungentlemanly remarks concerning Miss Lillian Smith, complains that he can see no money for a match; if he has come for a bona fide match for his wife, he will find all the coin to back Miss Smith he wants to cover. He can get from \$100 to \$5,000 that Lilly can beat Mrs. K. at any legitimate shooting she may propose.

Favorable Weather for Sheep.

The Eureka Sentinel has the following: "The present weather is just what the sheepmen want. It was feared by them a couple of weeks ago that the season was going to prove a severe one for portions of their flocks that did not fare well during the late weeks of the dry season, but now their fears are, to a great extent, allayed. J. G. Ford, of Eureka, purchased recently, Governor Adams' bands, numbering in all some 14,000 head, and many of these at the time of purchase were in poor condition and just when they commenced to improve rough weather set in. The present spell of fine weather is just what they need, and will no doubt result in saving many head."

Carson Mint Meeting.

The meeting at the Opera House in Carson this evening, for the purpose of completing the course of action which it is hoped will induce a reversal of the policy of the Administration in closing the Carson Mint, promises to be pretty fully attended. Invitations have been sent to all points of the State, and prominent speakers will address the assemblage on the important matter in question. It is something that deeply interests us all, and Reno as well as all other places should be well represented.

Costumes for the K. of P. Ball.

Any person who has a particular style of costume that they would like to wear at the Knight's ball, by telling the Committee what they want, can have it picked out and brought up by the costumer when she comes without extra charge.

AN EXPLANATION.

Why the Board of University Regents Allowed Assayer Fielding's Claim.

VIRGINIA CITY, Dec. 16, 1885.

EDITOR RENO JOURNAL.—SIR:—The explanation you ask in regard to the action of the Board of Regents in approving Mr. Fielding's claim for one month's salary as Mining Engineer and Assayer of the State University, has already been made known to the Board of Examiners in response to their request for the same. I cheerfully comply with your request to explain the matter to the public through the columns of your valuable journal.

The facts in the case are that at the last meeting of the Board of Regents, held in the first week in October last, Mr. Fielding was appointed Assayer; his term of office to begin on the 20th day of that month. At the date of his appointment it was the belief and expectation of the Board that the building would be completed at the time stipulated in the contract (November 20th) and that the Mining Department of the University could be opened for business at once, or, at least, not later than December 1st last. As we were to adjourn only to meet again as soon as the Supervising Architect had notified us of the completion of the building, after talking over the matter freely, we deemed it expedient to elect the Assayer at that meeting and thus expedite the opening of the Mining Department, leaving the opening of the Academic Department to a later period, because we were then not agreed as to the selection of a Principal.

Meanwhile it was understood by the Board that Mr. Fielding could be profitably employed by the State in arranging the mineralogical cabinet belonging to the museum. Several thousand valuable specimens had been donated to the University by different individuals and mining companies, and Mr. Fielding was instructed to assay such of them as he considered necessary and to arrange, classify, label and catalogue the entire collection and place it in the museum as soon as the building was in a condition to receive it. In addition to a large miscellaneous collection of specimens sent hither to me by public spirited gentlemen, interested in the welfare of the University in its new home, Commissioner Thomas, the Nevada representative at the New Orleans exposition, turned over to me as a donation to the museum cabinet over one thousand dollars worth of specimens. Since his appointment Mr. Fielding, in his own private laboratory here, and with his own apparatus and materials, has been employed in the work of assaying and classifying ores, the property of the State, and as a result one of the handsomest and most valuable mineralogical cabinets in the State, the nucleus, I hope, of a greater one to come, is now nearly ready to be deposited in the University museum. Moreover Mr. Fielding's instructions were to prepare for publication by the Board a course of instruction in geology, chemistry, metallurgy and mining engineering and to advise the Board as to the text books necessary to be used in his department and to recommend a list of scientific works desirable for the University library. He was also to hold himself in readiness to proceed to Elko to receive the State property there, pack it and ship it to Reno as soon as the new building was ready to receive it.

I will add, though not pertinent to the explanation sought for, that Mr. Fielding rendered valuable service before his appointment in suggestions made to me in regard to the plans for the construction of the building and which have been incorporated in the plans of the architect.

When his claim for salary was presented to me for approval, knowing that he had worked zealously and industriously in the task assigned, I had no hesitancy in signing the same, not dreaming that anybody would challenge his right to remuneration under the circumstances.

It is not Mr. Fielding's fault, nor is the Board of Regents to blame because the building has not been completed before this time. If we are blame-worthy in the matter ascribe it to an error of judgment based upon an excess of zeal to have the Mining Department in operation contemporarily with the

completion of the building. Your people, exceedingly generous in their contribution toward the cost of transferring the University to Western Nevada, have been very urgent that we should be expeditious. At no stage has the Board of Regents been dilatory in executing the important trust confided to it and the utmost care has been manifested to avoid mistakes or adverse criticism.

Owing to the frequent meetings rendered necessary this year to transact the business connected with the selection and purchase of a site and the letting of the contract for the construction of the building at Reno the slender appropriation for the traveling expenses of the Board is nearly exhausted. To economize this fault as much as possible it was agreed at our last session in Carson in October not to meet again until the Supervising Architect had notified us that the building was ready for occupancy; and, as intended before, the appointment of Mr. Fielding was made in order to take time by the forelock and with the full understanding that we had work enough for him to do during the few weeks intervening before the time arrived for opening the Mining Department. Though in common with your people we have been disappointed because of the delay in completing the building we have done the best we could under the circumstances and the light we had.

Trusting that the explanation will absolve us from unmerited censure, I remain  
Yours respectfully,  
HENRY G. SHAW.

Tribute to a Journalistic Rival.

In paying tribute to the death of Denis McCarthy, the Virginia Enterprise says: "The news of the death of Denis E. McCarthy, proprietor of the Virginia Chronicle, was received in Virginia City yesterday morning with feelings of genuine regret. It was known for some time that the deceased journalist was lying in an exceedingly critical condition, and that his death was momentarily imminent."

Denis E. McCarthy was at heart and by conviction a deeply religious man devoted to his church. A native of Australia, his Irish parentage and study of the grievances of Ireland created in him an intensely loyal feeling towards the country of his ancestors. The Irish cause was to him a passion, and no truer or sturdier champion of Irish independence lived among us.

The incidents and accident of journalistic rivalry severed a friendship of many years standing between Mr. McCarthy and the editor of the Enterprise, but in the presence of his open grave we feel that he was one whose companionship was a pleasure, that he had but one enemy—himself—and that his many good qualities has left behind him memories fragrant with those better associations which link us in the kinder bonds of brotherhood. To his wife and children, his relatives and friends and to his associates in the Chronicle office, we tender our condolence on their irreparable loss.

A Pious Ambassador.

The Silver State says Chief Leggings, of the Northern Putes, arrived in Winnemucca a day or two ago, from Fort McDermit. He goes to Pyramid Lake Reservation as Ambassador of his tribe to interview Agent Gibson on the blanket question. He has been informed that the Indian Bureau has made provision for furnishing his band some necessities, and he wants to ascertain if the information is founded on fact, or rather on blankets.

Two Beautiful Prizes Given Away at Nasby's Bazaar.

A ticket will be given to every purchaser of one dollar's worth or upwards of goods, entitling them to a chance for the following beautiful prizes: First prize, a celluloid manicure set, plush case, valued at \$15. Second prize, a large album, valued at \$10. The drawing will take place January 2, 1886. The prizes can be seen in the show window.

Illegal Fencing of Public Lands.

The Secretary of the Interior has requested the Attorney General to institute suits in about forty additional cases against cattlemen, for illegally fencing public lands in Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Nevada and Colorado. In many of these cases criminal actions will be instituted.

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